



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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Brunswick Ethics Commission Minutes May 17, 2006

Commission Members Present: Chair Jamie Eshbaugh, Vice Chair Carroll Haugh, Frank Fortkamp, and Bob Ward.

Mayor & Council Present: None.

Staff Present: City P & Z Administrator Rick Stup, Temporary Staff Liaison; and Paul Rose, City Attorney.

Chairperson Eshbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 15, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved. (Motion by Dr. Fortkamp and seconded by Mr. Haugh unanimously passed.)

Chair: No comments.

Old Business:

Action Items

Mr. Stup reviewed the status of the Action Items from the last meeting and answered Commissioner questions.

Revised Ethics Ordinance

Mr. Rose reviewed and discussed the comments from the State Ethics Commission on the draft Ordinance. The following revisions were the consensus of the Commission:

- Section 2-3201 (a) – Participation to be revised as stated by the State Ethics Commission utilizing wording provided in the April 18th letter.
- Section 2-3201 (g) (1) and (2) - Gifts to be revised with the language in Model Ordinance A, Section 5 (d) to address some of the concerns raised by the Council and the intent of the Commission draft.
- Section 2-3301 – Financial Disclosure of Gifts (c) is to be revised to reflect the revision to Section 2-3201.

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Additionally with regard to the non-binding suggestions from the State Ethics Commission, the following was the consensus of the Commission:

- Section 2-3102 Definitions is addressed in detail in Section 2-3301 of the Draft Ordinance.
- Section 2-3102 Definitions will be revised to insert the correct reference to the Election Article of the Code.
- Section 2-3201 (g) (2) (ii) will remain as drafted.
- Section 2-3401 will be revised to allow for the Council to appoint another attorney if a conflict should occur with the City Attorney.
- Section 2-3404 (a) (1) has already been revised in the draft.

Ethics Handbook

It was the consensus of the Commission for Staff to proceed with the draft Handbook, and forward a draft to the City Attorney for review. The Commission will discuss the Draft Handbook at the June Meeting.

Commission Work Goals

The Commission reviewed the Work Goals. Mr. Stup indicated that there would only be one Mayor & Council Meeting in June on the 13th.

New Business: None

Comments:

It was restated that the following would be completed for the next meeting:

- City Attorney to make revisions to the draft Ordinance and forward to Staff and the Chair for review.
- Upon concurrence on the draft revisions, City Attorney to send revision to the State Ethics Commission Counsel for review with a request for a response for the document to be processed for the June 13th Mayor & Council Meeting.
- Staff to coordinate with the Mayor and City Administrator for the draft Ordinance to be an Information Item on the June 13th Agenda, and Public Hearing & Action at the July 11 meeting.
- Staff to coordinate with the Mayor for the appointment of the existing/new members to Staggering Terms in accordance with the new Ordinance at the July 25th Mayor & Council Meeting.
- Staff to proceed with the draft Handbook and forward to the City Attorney for review for a working draft at the June 21st Ethics Commission Meeting.
- Staff to add Election of FY 07 Officers to the Commission Agenda for the June Meeting.

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Mr. Stup reminded the Commission that the next meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Eshbaugh, Chair
Brunswick Ethics Commission